

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

### A VALUABLE ARRIVAL.

The elegant brig Macedonian, Captain Blakeman, has arrived at New York, in 104 days from Canton, with Tea, Silks and Nankeens. She sailed from New York in company with the frigate President of the U. S., and she arrived at Canton four days before the news of peace reached there. At the time Captain Blakeman left Canton, it was reported that war would take place between the British and Chinese governments.

### HOW CHANGED THE SCENE.

At this time twelve months, how gloomy were our prospects! The angry blast of war howled through our land—the enemy having taken possession of the Eastern section of our country—having laid in ruins our capital, were concentrating their united force upon the South.

All was fearful expectation—the stoutest hearts trembled for the safety of the nation. But the God of battles was upon our side—the proud foe yielded to the prowess of our arms—and the name of Jackson was the bright herald of victory and glory. Soon the glad tidings of peace were proclaimed—the solemn note of war, was succeeded by the cheerful hum of business. And we are now quietly enjoying the blessings of the only free government on earth with the pleasing consolation, that we have preserved the birthright of our forefathers, from the sacrilegious attack of foreign and domestic foes.

### WESTERN COMMERCE.

A resolution has been introduced in Congress, to establish the town of Cincinnati, in Ohio, as a port of entry. The reason for this is stated to be the formation of one or two companies in that town, for the purpose of importing goods from Great Britain by way of New Orleans, up the river Ohio. These singular facts forcibly disclose the enterprising character and high destinies of the Western people. With commerce, the comforts and joys of a polished life must rapidly progress among them; the necessity of a navy will appear to them in as forcible light as it has long seemed to people of the Atlantic seaboard; and a perfect identity of feelings, interests and character will be the early and inevitable consequence.

### SCHUYLKILL BRIDGE FALLS.

We understand that the bridge at the Falls of Schuylkill has fallen, in consequence of the great weight of snow lodged on its superstructure. The bridge was built in 1820, and has been in use ever since. The damage done is estimated at \$100,000. The bridge is situated on the neighboring stream.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

### RETIREMENT OF MR. CORBIN.

The able and gentlemanly manager of the Bridgeport Business College, Mr. A. Corbin, will leave our city and the management of that institution to-day to assume the direction and charge of the Poughkeepsie College of the State of New York. Much regret is felt by the students and citizens in general at the departure of Mr. Corbin from our midst. He will be succeeded by E. B. Jones, Jr., who has been an assistant at the College.

This morning Mr. Corbin was surprised with the gift of a splendid 240 pound bugle, built by Frederick Wood of this city. It was presented by Mr. Jones in behalf of the students. Mr. Spruill, the day previous presented him with a splendid bugle, elegantly mounted and of the best materials. Some weeks ago Mr. Corbin was presented with a magnificent \$1,000 stallion, as a birthday gift from his father.

### A DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

At the annual caucus of the Democrats of Bridgeport, held at their Committee Rooms, in Wall street, last evening, E. B. Goodsell was appointed chairman, and James L. Gould, Secretary. The following named were elected delegates, to the several conventions, with power to appoint substitutes.

State—Hon. William D. Bishop and Joseph D. Alvord.  
County—R. T. Hitchins, Eli Thompson and William Way.  
Senatorial—E. B. Goodsell, Thomas Hogan and Richard Jukes.  
Probate—Charles Curtis, Charles Connors and Thomas C. Nible.  
The following gentlemen were named Town and City Committee:

Hon. William D. Bishop, chairman; E. B. Goodsell and R. T. Hitchins, of the First Ward; John H. Porter and Joseph Camp, of the Second Ward; Frederick Hurd and Oscar J. Acker, of the Third Ward.

### PRESENTED BY "DAVE" JACK.

Those genial firemen and good fellows—the Excelsior Co. No. 5—had another "good time" last evening. Materials were laid in for an oyster supper and when everything was ready most of the company was rounded up and with a number of outsiders, as guests, they did full justice to themselves by appeasing their appetites.

After the oysters were "gobbled up" speeches were made by the distinguished guests who were present. An old signal lamp, presented to the company sixteen years ago, again made its appearance last evening, having been fitted anew in excellent style, and being designated to grace the new carriage, which will be taken from the shop of Hall Brothers some day next week, when it is hoped our citizens will have an opportunity to see booth engine and carriage publicly.

The lamp was presented by "Dave" Jack, in good style, and received by Mr. Patridge, on behalf of the Company. Other speeches followed. The gathering broke up about 11 o'clock.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO.

### THREE TIMES AND OUT.

Those crack-a-jacks that compose the Norwalk Chess club met the Bridgeport club last evening for the third time in a match game, and for the third time they defeated the local team. The score was 7 to 5 in favor of Norwalk. The scores: Bridgeport—Charles Gothard, 0; John A. E. Emery, 1; S. W. Challen-

ger, 0; Lynn W. Wilson, 1; R. B. Cogswell, 1; Col. O. B. Hall, 0; H. S. Thompson, 0; J. J. Norton, 0; J. M. Otis, 0; W. B. Palmer, 1; L. H. Wilson, 0; S. C. Northrop, 1—5.

Norwalks—A. H. Baldwin, 1; J. W. Maples, 0; P. J. Mulvihill, 1; H. Van Ness, 0; W. Moran, 0; Arthur Adams, 1; W. H. Baldwin, 1; Lewis Hein, 1; E. S. Adams, 1; G. W. Stouts, 0; A. A. Avison, 1; B. J. Church, 0—7.

After the game a collation was served to the victors by the defeated chess players of Bridgeport.

### MR. GAWLEY APPRECIATED.

At the window of Lyman's, the optician, 318 Main street, is a handsomely engraved set of resolutions presented by Waldemere Council, No. 6, O. U. A. M., last evening to Samuel B. Gawley. He has been treasurer of the council since its organization several years ago. In the same window may also be seen a gold-headed cane presented to Mr. Gawley by the council at a smoker held a while ago.

### A HORSE KILLED.

A horse owned by Spencer Ware, of 16 Gregory street, was struck by a trolley car in State street shortly after noon to-day and the animal was injured so seriously that it had to be killed. The horse was struck by the corner of the car and knocked down and one wheel passed over its back, breaking it. The animal had to be shot.

### JAIL INHABITANTS.

This morning there were 292 prisoners at the County Jail in this city. Yesterday eight prisoners were released and one received. The terms of seven will expire to-day.

### A QUIET WEDDING.

William Clifford and Miss Delta Larkin, a sister of Policeman Richard Larkin, were married this evening in the parochial residence of St. Mary's church by Rev. John E. Rogers, Pastor. Only the relatives of the contracting parties were present.

### "JIMMY" McNALLY IN TOWN.

The effects of James McNally, the once famous green goods man, consisting of several paintings and pieces of choice bric-a-brac, were auctioned off at his farm in Fairfield to-day. They were sold at ridiculously low prices. McNally was present but reticent and refused to talk with newspapermen.

### TO THE GREAT BEYOND.

At the residence of his aunt, Mrs. Michael Logan, of Asylum street, to-day, occurred the death of Thomas Kearns. He was a member of Truck Co. No. 2 and the disease which resulted in his death was contracted at the Wilmet and Hobb's fire in the West End, about a year ago. He was a young man with a quiet disposition and was a friend of many relatives here, was his aunt, at whose home he died. Mr. Kearns was at one time a member of the St. Joseph's P. E. & L. association and at the time of his death was a member of Division No. 3, A. O. H.

### JOHN L.'S CONDITION SERIOUS.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 29, 1896—John L. Sullivan, prize fighter, who fell from a Rock Island & Peoria train going 30 miles an hour, this morning is in a critical condition here. All within medical power is being done to save him, but it is thought unlikely he will set in, and if it does he cannot possibly recover.

### ON THE SICK LIST.

Dr. Lander, who has been ill for a few days, is much improved to-day and able to be up.  
Funeral Director Edward N. Bishop is confined to his home by illness and is unable to leave his bed.  
The condition of Miss Grace Pullman shows no change in either direction. It is said there is ground for her recovery, however.

### VALUABLE DOG KILLED.

A valuable pet dog owned by Mrs. Woodruff, of 253 Park avenue, was killed by a trolley car in Main street this noon. Mrs. Woodruff blames the motorman.

### LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

About 25 couples, friends of Miss Lent Gilbert, attended a surprise party at the latter's home last night. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed in a private hall in the Wheeler building.  
A boy named Edwards, while skating on a pond in a vacant lot in the West End last night, caught his foot in a root imbedded in the ice, and was heavily injured, receiving a fracture of the left leg. He was treated at the Emergency hospital.

### BASEBALL MATTERS.

New Britain baseball men have been asked to join a state league consisting of eight or ten clubs, to be located in New Haven, Hartford, Meriden, Bridgeport, Danbury, Winsted, Torrington and Bristol.  
New Haven belongs in the Atlantic league, and has signed O'Hagan, Boyle and Shearer. It has been decided that a club will be put in Hartford. It will be managed by William Barnie, the National league magnate.

### COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

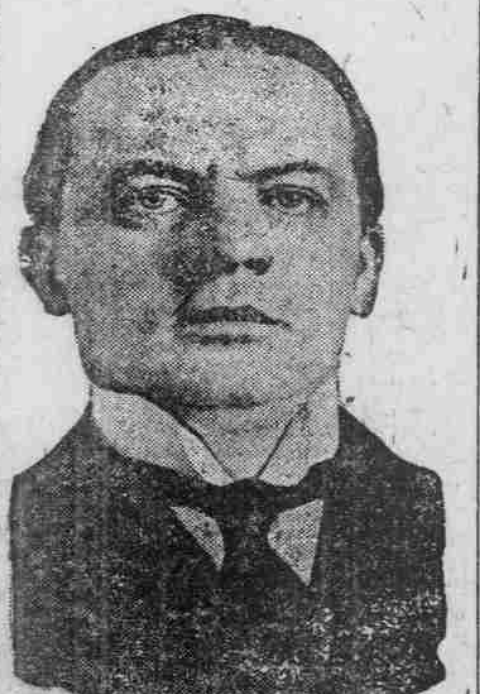
The annual meeting of the Connecticut Commercial Travelers Association was held at Hartford last evening. The secretary reported a gain of 22 in membership. The following officers were elected: President, Norman H. Spencer, Hartford; first vice president, C. M. Smith, New Haven; second vice president, Samuel Wakeman of Bridgeport; secretary and treasurer, L. H. Bates, New Haven; executive committee, E. P. Chapman, Hartford, chairman; H. S. Goff, Hartford; G. L. Kahn, New Haven; W. W. Buckingham, New Haven; F. C. Bennett, Bridgeport; and C. M. Bradstreet, Bridgeport.

Allan Bradford of New York city, convicted of murdering his wife, was sentenced to die in the electric chair in the week of March 8.

Abraham Decker, a motorman, was electrocuted on the top of his car at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., as he was repairing a broken trolley pole.

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## BELGIAN SOLDIERS HUNGER FOR TOBACCO



COUNT ALEX. VAN DER STEEGEN DE SCRIVERCK.

To all smokers, as well as to non-smokers, of the United States, an appeal is being made for money to supply tobacco to the soldiers of the Belgian army. Deprived of tobacco by the war, the Belgians feel the need almost as much as they would a lack of food. The sense of loss is keen, Count Alex. van der Steegen de Scriverck, a refugee from Belgium, has come to America to solicit a tobacco fund, and J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York has consented to be the depository of the money raised.

## TAFT IS SPEAKER BEFORE MEMORIAL MCKINLEY DINNER

Red Carnations Are Worn Throughout State in Honor of McKinley Day.

New Haven, Jan. 29.—The custom of wearing a red carnation—the favorite flower of the late President—was generally followed throughout Connecticut today in the observance of McKinley Day. The only formal notice of the occasion will be the dinner of the McKinley Association tonight, at which Congressman W. B. McKinley and former President W. H. Taft will be among the speakers.

The association was formed in 1904 and held its first dinner in this city. Members of the association from all parts of the state will be here. Most of the Republican State Central Committee also will gather but that body will not meet. Informally, there may be discussion of plans for the spring convention at which delegates to the national convention will be selected. The committee will probably meet within the next fortnight to select the city and date of the convention. The proposal to raise \$1,000 for a Connecticut tablet on the McKinley Memorial building in Canton, O., will probably come before the association.

## Father and Son Banquet Success At Local Y. M. C. A.

The largest Father and Son banquet that has been held in Bridgeport was held in the large Y. M. C. A. banquet hall last night by the Boys' Division. Between 250 to 300 partook of a very fine feed that was prepared by the ladies' auxiliary. Toastmaster of the evening was Frank V. Burton, who opened with very appropriate remarks for the occasion. He then introduced Fred Main, president of the boys' cabinet, who gave a toast to the fathers. In his remarks he congratulated the fathers upon being privileged to be fathers and spoke of the influences that can be brought to bear on the boys if only they will do their best to set the example.

A. E. Lavery addressed the boys and men.

BEN LINDSEY, OF FORD PARTY, TO STUDY NEEDS OF THE WAR CHILDREN

The Hague, Jan. 28.—Ben B. Lindsey has left Holland for Berlin to study the needs of children in the belligerent countries. It is said that Henry Ford, before leaving Christiania, told Mr. Lindsey that if it were feasible he would provide ample funds to help the children.

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## PRISONERS OF WAR DON'T MAKE VALUABLE FARMHANDS, CAPTORS IN HUNGARY AND AUSTRIA FIND

Other Reasons Besides Patriotism Make Aliens' Crops Poor—Russians and Serbians Don't Know Intensive Farming—Germans Find Slavs Slow to Learn Methods.

Vienna, Jan. 29.—Austrian and Hungarian landowners and farmers are not particularly impressed with the value of Russian and Serbian prisoners of war as farm laborers. Accounts from all sides generally support the old saw, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink."

On the whole, the prisoner of war as a farm hand seems to have a natural aversion to work for their enemies. One of the great handicaps has been that the Russian and Serb farmers who were selected to work on the Austrian and Hungarian farms, were for the greater part untrained in the rather intensive farming methods, employed in the dual monarchy. Though the men were shown how to go about their work most of them failed to understand the reason why it had to be done a certain way. Others who did understand preferred to be careless when not under the eyes of the overseer and guards. But few of the prisoners of war took any interest in the work. Patriotic feelings appear to have been an active deterrent for most of them.

That Austria-Hungary had a splendid crop this year is due to unusually favorable weather conditions. It is asserted that the occasion in crop returns due to the labor of the prisoners of war is hardly equal to what the Russians and Serbs held in Austria-Hungary will themselves consume during the year.

It seems, however, that the labor of prisoners of war was more productive in other fields of endeavor, especially in this true where the Russians and Serbs remained altogether under the control of the military. In building roads and railroads no opportunity for shirking was given. Each gang had to do a certain amount of work and was immediately visible and therefore susceptible to prompt correction, which was not the case in farming. The engineer troops under whose supervision the railroad work was done could not be easily fooled by the prisoners of war, while the farmer had to be supervised by his involuntary farm hand closely. Since most of the old reservists guarding the prisoners of war were city people no improvement from that direction

could be expected. German farmers who employed Russian prisoners of war are said to have obtained better results, though the Associated Press correspondent cannot say that a large landowner of the Brandenburg province with whom he discussed the matter was at all enthusiastic over the prospects of having to raise another crop with the aid of prisoners of war. He said that in addition to being most unwilling workers, the Russians he had employed failed to learn rapidly, though he had the services of an able interpreter.

The handicaps of language have been sorely felt by both sides, of course. An improvement in this situation is now expected. Many of the Russians and Serbs have learned German and Hungarian sufficiently well to understand orders and be understood in their turn. It is likely for this reason that next year the prisoner of war will prove of greater value.

The Russian and Serbian prisoner of war is a very tractable person on the whole. Hardly any complaints have been made against them by the communities in which they worked, usually with the scantiest provisions for their control. Their conduct has been very correct throughout, and they have also earned the reputation of being scrupulously clean in body and habit. Most of them carry in their minds so deep-seated a horror of the filth of the Russian and Serb fronts that the opportunity to use soap and water is fully appreciated by them. Of the thousands of Russians and Serbs the Associated Press correspondent saw on a recent trip through Hungary and Austria but very few who had neglected themselves, and their quarters everywhere had a spic and span which no orders from the guards could have produced. Austria-Hungarian officers assured the correspondent that the cleanliness and orderliness exhibited was spontaneous and inherent with the men.

The Austro-Hungarians have been very mild in their treatment of the men. The best understanding exists as a rule, and what little trouble the prisoners of war have given is mostly due to his disinclination to work for, or under, a civilian. The soldier's psychology is such that as a prisoner of war he prefers to remain under military control.

## MANY FACTORIES HERE SOON WILL HAVE ADDITIONS

Next week operations for additions to several factories in Bridgeport will begin.

The Stanley Bronze Co. will add a one-story brick structure 40x150 feet to its factory at State and Dewey streets.

Work will begin on the addition to the factory of the Blue Ribbon Auto & Carriage Co. in Fairfield avenue. The erection of a concrete beer depot and stable for the Christian Feigenbaum Corporation in Housatonic avenue will begin. The depot will be 50x70 feet and the stable 40x50 feet.

An addition to the factory of the A. H. Nilson Machine Co. in Railroad avenue will be started.

Work started yesterday on the addition to the plant of the Heppenstall Forge Co. in Howard avenue.

A cooler room will be built this week for the Connecticut Breweries Co. on the Hall street side of their plant.

The American Tube & Stamping Co. will build an addition to its "hot mill" in Wordin avenue.

## ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

1900—Matty Matthews knocked out Kid McFarland in 1st round at Brooklyn.

1904—Eddie Hanlon knocked out Kid Broad in 14th round at San Francisco. This was the second time in Broad's long ring career that he was forced to take the count, and the victory of the Californian, who was then only 18 years old, marked the beginning of the end of Broad as a scrapper.

Kid Broad was a Cornishman, but he was born in America as a boy and started fighting in Buffalo in 1898. For years he mingled with the featherweight, his opponents including George Dixon, Tom Linn, Ted McGovern, Oscar Gardner, Young Corbett, and other leaders. He once knocked out Young Corbett, only a few months before the Denverite took the title from McGovern, but was defeated in a return match. Broad's first experience of how it feels to be knocked out came in 1903, when he was stopped in the fourth round of a contest with Aurelio Herrera, the Mexican, in Butte, Mont. The Englishman was an almost-champion as a featherweight, but his defeats by Herrera and Hanlon reduced him to the ranks of the has-beens, and after the Hanlon affair he never won an important bout.

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